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POLITICAL

NORTH KOREAN CABINET CHANGES -- P'yongyang, Nodong Sinmun, 10 Aug 60, p 1

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By a 9 August decree of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the following Cabinet changes were made: Kim Man-gum was relieved as Minister of Agriculture; Yim Hae was relieved as Minister of Foreign Trade and appointed Minister of Agriculture; Vice-Premier Yi Chu-yon was appointed Minister of Foreign Trade; Song Pong-uk was relieved as Minister of Finance; and Han Sang-du was appointed Minister of Finance.

ECONOMIC

EXPORTS SHIPYARDS DESIGNS, EQUIPMENT TO INDONESIA -- Warsaw, Przegląd Techniczny, 27 Jul 60

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Poland will supply Indonesia with designs and equipment for four shipyards, valued at 7 million dollars. Delivery of the equipment will begin in 1961. The Design Bureau of the Machine and Electrotechnical Industries, which designs plants and organizes the supply and assembly of equipment and machinery, has completed the shipyard designs.

GENERATING CAPACITY EXPANDED -- Belgrade, Politika, 6 Aug 60, p 4

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A third generator has been put in operation in the Thermal-Electric Power Plant in Catici near Kakanj. This plant is now the largest producer of electric power in Yugoslavia. When a fourth generator is put in operation in about 2 months, the station will have a capacity of 700 million kilowatt-hours per year.

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MILITARY

SOVIET ROCKET BASES IN HUNGARY -- Munich, Uj Hungaria [emigre], 5 Aug 60

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Reliable reports from Hungary give evidence that Soviet rocket-launching bases are ready in Transdanubia, in the Matra, and in Sub-Carpathia and that more are under construction. Atomic and hydrogen weapons are located at these bases.

SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL

DEFICIENCIES IN TRANSISTOR TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION DISSEMINATION --
Moscow, Nauchno-Tekhnicheskkiye Obshchestva SSSR, Jul 60, p 28

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The Third Scientific and Technical Conference on the Application of Semiconductors in Instrument Making, organized by the Scientific and Technical Society of the Instrument Making Industry, disclosed many deficiencies in the field of semiconductor technology: High-frequency and high-power transistors with high qualitative indexes and miniature electrical components for transistorized equipment are not being put into industrial production fast enough, and the components are not reliable enough. Too little is being done in the development, production, and large-scale application of subminiature subassemblies and units of radioelectronic instruments based on semiconductors, such as the "micromodules" and "solid circuits," in which the potential of transistor electronics is most fully utilized. Schedules for developing new types of transistors and other new semiconductor components are extended too long.

No large-circulation engineering and technical journal on applied electronics is published, and there is a lack of information and reference materials on models of components and equipment already put into industrial production.

The conference has asked the Central Board of the Scientific and Technical Society of the Instrument Making Industry and the State Committee for Radioelectronics to note these deficiencies and do everything possible to eliminate them.

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MACHINE TRANSLATION TESTED -- Prague, Nova Mysl, No 7, Jul 60

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The first machine translation from English to Czech was tested in February 1960. Regarding possibilities of developing translating machines and noting related linguistic problems, purely grammatical principles which do not affect the semantic essence of words should be gradually, though carefully, restricted in language usage. Strict regard for purely grammatical rules is often accompanied by intellectual snobbery which should have no place in a socialist society. Scientific development demands new machines to facilitate instantaneous translation of written and eventually even spoken words from one language to another, mechanical classification of material, etc. There are many differences between the spoken and literary Czech language; the literary language should conform more closely to the spoken language. This would also strengthen the phonetical basis of the Czech language. -- Pavel Novak and Petr Sgall

YUGOSLAV REMEDY FOR HEART AILMENTS -- Tel Aviv, Yedioth Hayom, 2 Aug 60

CPYRGHT

Ljubljana -- Yugoslavia now has an effective drug for heart ailments called "Christopher." It is made from the root of a plant widely grown in the Yugoslav mountains. Yugoslavia can make this drug in large quantities and will be able to export it.

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